



SEVERE THUNDERSTORM

Description

Severe thunderstorms are weather systems accompanied by strong winds, lightning, heavy rain or hail, and possibly tornados. They may occur singly, in groups, or in a long line that can extend hundreds of miles.

Related Hazards

Heavy rains may cause floods and flash floods. Violent thunderstorms can also cause tornados.

Geographical Considerations

Every State receives a few thunderstorms each year; the Southeast and Midwest have the greatest frequency. Florida has the greatest occurrence.